

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 680
By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Rafael Kalife Zornitta
1998 Northwest High School valedictorian.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General assembly should specially honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Rafael Kalife Zornitta is such an outstanding student who has distinguished himself as salutatorian of the 1998 graduating class at Northwest High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Rafael has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our great nation; and

WHEREAS, in his laudable high school career, he has earned an exceptional grade point average; and

WHEREAS, his long list of awards and accolades includes, being voted Most Likely To Succeed by his Senior Class, being a member of the National Honor Society, being the recipient of the Gold Excel Card, and the Student of the Year award in Spanish II and III and American Government, serving as the Director of the Academic Banquet for two years, being the runner-up in the school's Science Fair and finishing third in the County Science Fair, being runner-up in the school's Foreign Languages Poetry Recital, making straight A's and being on the Honor Roll

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for four straight years, serving admirably as ICE-VICA Club Treasurer, earning a varsity letter in soccer, and being listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Rafael's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his present plan is to attend Austin Peay State University this fall; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy accomplishment is a tremendous source of pride to his parents, Stephen and Nara Aquinas; and

WHEREAS, Rafael's dedication to excellence is unquestionably deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the Tennessee General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Rafael Kalife Zornitta, the 1998 valedictorian of Northwest High School, and express our strong confidence that a bright future awaits him.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.